

President. 'Bonaparte, on his way from Lyons to Paris, after his landing at the gulf of Juan, stopped at Avalon, and immediately sent for the mayor, M. Raudot. He instantly obeyed the summons. On coming into Napoleon's presence he said, "What do you want, General?" This appellation displeased Napoleon, who nevertheless put several questions to M. Raudot, who was willing to oblige him as a traveller, but not to serve him as an Emperor. Napoleon having given him some orders, this worthy servant of the King replied, "General, I can receive no orders from you, for I acknowledge no sovereign but the King, to whom I have sworn allegiance." Napoleon then directed M. Raudot, in a tone, of severity, to withdraw, and I need not add that it was not long before he was dismissed from the mayoralty of Avalon.

The elections of the Yonne being over, I returned to Paris, where I took part in public affairs only as an amateur, while waiting for the opening of the session. I was deeply grieved to see the Government resort to measures of severity to punish faults which it would have been better policy to attribute, only to the unfortunate circumstances of the times. No consideration can ever make me cease to regret the memory of Key, who was the victim of the influence of foreigners. Their object, as Blueher intimated to me at St. Cloud, was to disable France from engaging in war for a long time to come, and they hoped to effect that object by stirring up between the Royal Government and the army of the I joins that spirit of discord which the sacrifice of 'Ney could not fail to produce. I have no positive proofs of the fact, but in my opinion Key's life was a pledge of gratitude, which Fouehfi thought he must offer to the foreign influence which had made him Minister.

About this time I learned a fact which will create no surprise, as it affords another proof of the chivalrous disinterestedness of Miuulouald'H chantutcr. When in 1815 several Marshals claimed from the Allied powers their endowments in foreign countries, Madame Morwio, to whom the King had given the honorary title of *Madame la Marquise*, and who was the friend of the Duke of Tarentum, wrote, without Mac-donald's knowledge,

to M. de Blacas, our ambassador at
Naples,